

Mendocino County

The percentage increase in workers with a one-way commute of one hour or more (56%) in Mendocino County is significantly higher than the state (34%).

The county's percentage increase of women in the workforce is almost twice California's.

Twenty-six percent of the children in Mendocino County live in poverty, compared to 20% statewide.

Mendocino County is one of 16 California counties in which 40% or more of male workers are in construction, production, or a related occupation.¹

Professional jobs account for 30% of employment; sales and office occupations, 23%; service occupations, 19%.¹

The percentage of women in sales and office occupations (34%) is more than twice as high as men in those occupations (13%).¹

The People	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change ²
Total number of residents	86,265	89,701	4%
• Population foreign born residents	10%		
• Population change from natural increase			31%
• Population change from domestic migration			38%
• Population change from foreign immigration			30%

The Children	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change
Children 0-13	16,474	15,893	-4%
• Under 2	2,023		
• 2 years	1,004		
• 3 years	1,008		
• 4 years	1,103		
• 5 years	1,176		
• 6 to 13 years	10,160		
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ³	9,735	9,392 ⁴	-4%
• Under 2	1,165		
• 2 years	545		
• 3 years	485		
• 4 years	655		
• 5 years	690		
• 6 to 13 years	6,195		
Children 0-5 living in poverty	26%		

The Labor Force	1990 ⁵	2000 ¹	Change
• Number of employed residents	34,379	37,663	10%
• Workers with an hour or more commute	1,598	2,487	56%
• People working at home	2,067	2,588	25%
• People working non-traditional hours ⁶	6,492	7,592	17%
• percent working non-traditional hours		20%	
• People working 35 hours or more	29,660	32,281	9%
• percent working 35 hours or more		72%	
• Men in the labor force	21,415	22,272	4%
• Women in the labor force	16,538	19,383	17%
• Women with a child under 6		4,027	
• percent in the labor force		64%	

The Households	2000 County ¹	2000 State ¹
• Number of households	33,331	11,512,020
• speaking English at home	83%	62%
• speaking Spanish at home	12%	22%
• speaking an Asian language at home	1%	9%
• speaking another language at home	4%	7%
• Number of families with children under 18	10,787	4,208,775
• percent of families with children under 18	49%	53%
• percent of single parent families	33%	26%
• Homeowners with children under 6	8%	14%
• Renters with children under 6	20%	20%
• Residents over 24 with BA or higher	20%	27%

The 2005 California Child Care Portfolio

For more information about child care, call North Coast Opportunities - Rural Community Child Care at (800) 606-5550.

1. U.S. Census Bureau, 2000.

2. California Department of Finance population projections.

3. This number reflects children with either two parents or a single head of household in the labor force.

4. Network estimate based on California Department of Finance (DOF) population projections.

5. U.S. Census Bureau, 1990.

6. Estimate using commute time. Might or might not include weekends.

Child Care in Mendocino County

		Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes ¹
Facilities	Total number of sites	41	122
	Total number of slots (percent)	1,180 (51%)	1,132 (49%)
	Infant slots in centers	62 (5%)	
	Preschool slots in centers	1,055 (89%)	
	School-age slots in centers	63 (5%)	
Schedules ²	Full-time and part-time slots	44%	95%
	Only full-time slots	0%	1%
	Only part-time slots	56%	4%
	Care available during non-traditional hours	0%	38%
Languages	English	100%	99%
	Spanish	66%	15%
	Other	0%	5%

1. A breakdown of slots by age is not available for family child care homes because their licenses are not specific to particular age groups.
2. Full-time (30 or more hours/week) and part-time are a % of total slots. Non-traditional (evenings, weekends, overnight) are a % of total sites.
3. Network estimate based on CA DOF Projections, 2004: either two parents or single head of household in labor force.
4. These types of care are not included in the supply of licensed care available.
5. Some parents find child care without using R&Rs. These requests do not necessarily represent total demand, but they do reflect trends.
6. U.S. HUD. Median rent for a 2-bedroom unit. 2004.
7. Cost estimates 2004/5; 2002 Regional Market Rates with CPI Inflation Factor. Full-time.
8. California Dept. of Education. 2003/4.

Availability of Licensed Child Care

In Mendocino County, there are an estimated 9,392 children ages 0-13 with parents in the labor force³ and 2,312 licensed child care slots.

Licensed child care is available for 25% of children with parents in the labor force.*

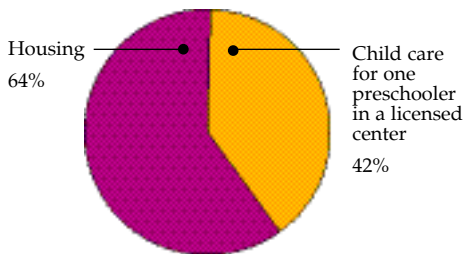
* Some families choose friends and relatives (license-exempt caregivers) to care for their children, and programs for school age children are often not licensed by the state.⁴

Parent Requests to the R&R⁵

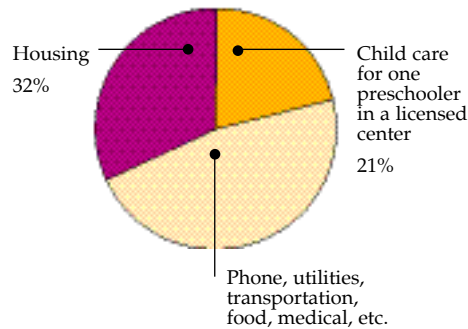
- Type of care requested: 25% infant/toddler; 46% preschool; 30% school-age
- Schedule requested: 44% full-time (0-5 years); 56% part time (0-5 years)
- Reasons for needing care: 78% employment; 11% school/training; 5% looking for work

Child Care and Family Budgets

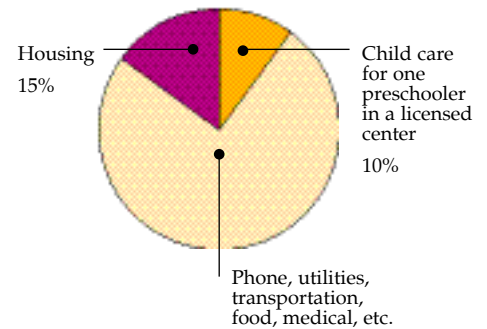
How child care fits into a Mendocino County family's budget (Housing⁶: \$8,964; Preschooler in a licensed child care center⁷: \$5,833)



Annual Income: \$14,040
Families with 1 minimum wage earner
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 49% of income



Annual Income: \$28,080
Families with 2 minimum wage earners
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 25% of income



Annual Income: \$58,914
Families with 2 entry level public school teachers working in the county⁸
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 12% of income